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For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION )  
    OF A COMPOUND, COMPRISING )  
    A FREE HYDROXYL GROUP AND )  
    A HYDROXYL GROUP WHICH IS )  
    PROTECTED BY AN ESTER )  
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    REACTION )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly first  
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